

THE STREET LIGHTS

The Mayor Receives a Communication from President of Company

The following letter from D. J. Young, President of the Monett Electric Light Plant and Ice Company to Mayor Perry Short is self explanatory and needs no comment:

F. T. SMITH, ARK., Jan. 28, 1909.
HON. PERRY SHORT, Mayor,
Monett, Mo.

MY DEAR SIR:—

Our acting superintendent at Monett, Mr. J. H. Hamilton, writes in this morning's mail that the City of Monett is desirous of making an arrangement with our company to again light up the streets of the city. On behalf of the company, I assure you that we will be very glad indeed, if such an arrangement can be made. Aside from the business phase of the proposition, we are in sympathy with any movement that tends towards the development and progress of the town, in which we are so extensively identified, and all progressive citizens will agree with me that a well lighted city is not only one of the most desirable conditions for the town itself, but also a badge of progressiveness that impresses the stranger more than any other municipal improvement.

For some time I have been perfecting plans for extensive alterations and improvements in the lighting plant, and within a few days we will have experts in the field there to thoroughly investigate conditions and report on the best plan for this improvement. We will be then ready to meet a committee from your council and endeavor to come to terms. I will communicate with you again in a few days. In the meantime I beg to remain

Yours very truly,
D. J. YOUNG,
Pres. M. E. L. P. & I. Co.

Died

Mrs. Joe Card died Friday evening, January 29 at Neodesha, Kan. She had been ill for several years with lung trouble and death was not unexpected by her friends. Mrs. Card was the widow of Engineer Joe Card who was killed in a wreck several years ago. She was the daughter of Alfred Smith, of California. She leaves a little son and daughter without a mother's tender care.

The remains will be brought to Monett tonight.

Funeral services will be held at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 2:30, conducted by Rev. S. F. Stevens.

Rural Mail Boxes

For sale at Post Office book store from 85 cents to 2.00. m l w

Master Mechanic Frank Burns and Road Foreman A. L. Geister were in Springfield Friday to confer with Frisco officials.

Quake and Tidal Waves Shatter Spanish Cities.

London, Jan. 29.—A special dispatch received here from San Sebastian, Spain, says that a terrible earthquake has devastated several towns and villages in South and Southeastern Spain.

A tidal wave partially submerged the coast near Barcelona and a great landslide at Ceuta buried the village of Romara and several hundred inhabitants.

A dispatch from Tarrasa says that Barcelona has been overwhelmed by a tidal wave. The loss of life is unknown.

Subterranean roarings preceded the tidal wave, causing a fearful panic among the people on the promenades and in the buildings of the city.

News from Malaga says many houses were damaged in the town of Totana, and several villages in the Province of Murcia.

Big Land Suit Occupies the Attention of Judge Neville in Circuit Court.

Almost the entire day in circuit court yesterday was taken up with the testimony of Jas. H. McQuary, who is suing the Missouri Land Co. of Scotland, and others, to compel them to convey to him 71,000 acres of land in Barry county which he contracted to buy. The cross examination of Mr. McQuary by T. D. Steele of Monett, counsel for the Scotch company, was vigorous and lengthy and during the time when Mr. Steele was questioning Mr. McQuary as to his solvency Mr. McQuary several times refused to answer questions, saying: "I don't believe I have to answer that. You people have alleged that I am not solvent and you'll have to bring out your own testimony." The hearing of testimony will continue today in circuit court.—Springfield Republican.

Youth From Aurora is Picked Up By Officers at Billings

Billings, Jan. 29.—A young fellow, Tindle by name, found here on the street nearly naked, had on only a piece of shirt and was nearly frozen. He claimed that he woke up at his home in Aurora imagining that several fellows were trying to break in after him. He jumped out of bed and ran and thinking two of the robbers took after him he ran through brush, wire fences and crossed rivers until he landed in Billings and was taken in by the watchman and taken to Sweeten's meat shop and kept there until his parents were notified and came after him and took him home.

The Court of Honor held its first informal social event last evening at Campbell's Hall.

Although most unfavorable weather conditions prevailed a great many of the best people of the city were in attendance.

The bright and cheerful faces of those present and the beautiful decoration of the hall and banquet made all forget the wintry room blasts.

The program was not rendered in full because of the absence and illness of several but those who responded gave us of their best.

An address was given on the principles and purposes of fraternalism.

The great things that have been accomplished by the furtherance of the same was demonstrated by the Court of Honor members in the harmony and good feeling which prevailed during the entire evening.

After the address a lunch was served to which all did ample justice.

A social good time was enjoyed by all. Music was rendered throughout the evening.

The ticket holders who were not present last night can use their tickets at our next social meeting.

G. F. Henschel, of Aurora, was in Monett on business Thursday.

The Cassville Democrat closed its thirty-eighth volume last week. For the past thirty seven years the paper has been owned by Chas. Ray, the present proprietor, or his father, Dr. John Ray. The publication has done much for the upbuilding of Barry county and the southwest.

A social was held at the home of Mrs. C. C. Miller on Friday evening, the proceeds to be used for the benefit of the Christian church. A good time is reported. Those present were Mrs. Hieronymus, Mrs. Jas. Andrews, Mrs. C. A. Andrews, Mrs. C. C. Miller, Mrs. Roe, Misses Fay Watson, Gertie Murry, Pearl Bridges, Lora Fisher, Pearl Miller, Lois Keithley, Frances Koiskern, Jasmine Andrews, Letha and Lila Jeffries, Marie LaValle, Lulu Vina Roe, Messrs. Chas. Woolsey, Elvin Dummit, Jae Hoover, Teddie Keithley, Glen Murry, Ed Ash, W. Hand, Viga Hall, Archie Andrews, V. E. Clinton, Hugh, Harry and Bryan Miller.

Cassville News.

From The Democrat.

Ex-Sheriff Ed O'Dwyer of Monett was in town Saturday. It looked very natural to see him around town.

Horace Gardner returned last week from Jefferson City where he had been to take examination before the state Board of Examiners for license to practice law in this state. He was admitted to the bar and has received his license to practice in all the courts of this state. Horace has been a close student and we are glad to see him rewarded with success, and we hope he may climb the ladder of fame.

Miss Betsy Bashe daughter of Frisco Agent W. A. Bashe of Exeter, is reported dangerously ill.

Commencing Monday, Feb. 1, 1909 the time of departure of C. & W. train, west bound, will be 5:35 p.m. instead of 5:40 p.m.

Prof. Jas. Waddell's school house in Stone county was destroyed by fire recently, and with it about \$200 worth of school books. This occurrence put Prof. Waddell out of business.

M. J. Newman of Peirce City, is visiting his family at El Paso, Tex.

Ben Dillard, of Aurora, was in Monett on business Wednesday.

Mrs. Noel, of Cartersville came Sunday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Burton Pitts.

C. C. Fawver and family Seligman, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wilkerson Sunday.

Miss Lazinka Chappell visited her mother at Peirce City Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Brown returned to their home at Neodesha, Kan., Saturday.

Mrs. H. J. Peele and Mrs. C. A. Anderson entertained the young ladies Whist Club this afternoon.

Mrs. Frank Nebel and little daughter are visiting relatives at Marshfield.

Mrs. A. S. Kirk and little daughter are expected home tonight from a visit at Cassville.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Boyle Sunday, January 31.

Mrs. A. S. Kirk and little daughter, returned Saturday from a visit at Cassville.

Miss Maggie Johnston is visiting Mrs. John Wallace at Wichita, Kan.

The little son and daughter of Mrs. Minnie Card are making their home temporarily with Mrs. Ed. Heron.

Mrs. Lizzie English, of Peirce City and E. S. Alt Miller, of Lipscomb, Tex., were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Clark January 23.

A petition is before the Lawrence County Court asking for the formation of a special road district. The petitioners ask that two miles be taken from Spring River township, and three miles from Peirce twp. This would form a new district five miles east and west and four miles north and south.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Edgar, David Edgar and Mrs. Anna Cook, of Beaumont, Kan., are visiting their cousin, Geo. Edgar and family for a few days. They are returning from a visit with relatives in Illinois where they assisted in celebrating the anniversary of the great Scotch poet, "Bobbie" Burns.

Heavy reports as of cannonading rolled in Tuesday night from the west and some alarm was felt until it was discovered that it was only Bentonville celebrating the final singing of the papers that are preliminary to the building of an electric road from that place to Joplin. It is an expensive undertaking and we admire the grit of the fellows that are putting up the cash. Opinions vary greatly as to whether such a road can be made to pay but it will certainly be an excellent advertisement. Our people hope the rode will be pushed through to an early completion.—Rogers Democrat.

Barry County Man Gets Tract in Court for Years.

Springfield, Mo., Jan. 30.—Chas. C. Black, an entryman of Barry County, by the payment of \$100 into the United States Treasury through the local Government Land Office, is entitled to a patent to an eighty acre tract of hill land in Barry County, which has been the object of contention in one of the most vindictive land contests in the history of the local office.

The land has cost enough in lawyer's fees, time and worry to make it desirable as a rural retreat for a Rockefeller.

Decision Will Be Reached When Recount Committee Meets.

Jefferson City, Mo. Jan. 31.—Hope is entertained by members of the Legislature who remained here over Sunday, that the lieutenant governorship muddle, which has blocked the lawmaking wheels of the body for nearly a month, will be amicably settled at the joint session of the General Assembly, called for 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

It is not improbable, according to rumors afloat tonight, that a single report may be made by the Recount Committee. Such a report, it is said, would result in the election of Mr. Gmelich, Republican nominee. No decision, however, will be reached in this regard until the entire committee meets here at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Resolutions.

Whereas, it has pleased the Supreme Ruler of the universe to send the death messenger into the sacred precincts of our Lodge and to remove from this earthly sphere our beloved brother John N. Moad.

Resolved, that in the death of Bro. Moad this Lodge has lost a faithful and devoted member, who was ever ready to lend his assistance to the organization whenever his services were needed, and we commend his spirit to Him who doeth all things well.

Resolved, that we extend to his grief-stricken family our sincerest sympathy in this dark hour of their affliction and may God in his mercy comfort and console them.

Resolved further that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Lodge, a copy furnished the Monett papers for publication and that our charter be draped for a period of thirty days in memory of our departed brother.

R. C. FARROW
Com. W. A. HALL
W. H. LUKE

Refrigerator Freight Service to Aid Produce Shippers.

Springfield, Mo., Jan. 31.—A refrigerator freight bureau will be inaugurated in Springfield by the Frisco, effective tomorrow, under supervision of E. D. Levey, superintendent of transportation. The new bureau is to control the movement of all freight under ventilation or artificial temperature.

"If under the supervision of this bureau the package refrigerator service recently offered to the Ozark produce and dairy dealers is as successful as the officials now have every reason to believe it, will be, these lines will probably be extended over much of the Frisco mileage," said Superintendent Levey.

Miss Hazel Martin returned Sunday from a visit at Ft. Scott, Kans. Peirce City has secured the location of a creamery at that place.

Rev. Stevens reports that his oldest daughter, Miss Zoe, is sick in Muskogee, Okla.

Mrs. Jas. Johnston has returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. John Wallace, at Wichita, Kan.

Miss Goldie Roark and Mr. Joe Anderson were married Sunday January 31.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Smithmier returned Friday from a visit at Springfield.

Fort Smith Dreaming of Additional Trains

Fort Smith, Jan. 30.—Once more there is a well defined rumor that the Meteor, the Frisco's fastest train into the Southwest from St. Louis is to be diverted over this division in the near future from the Red River division. During the past four years this change has been reported as being contemplated. It is claimed that the change if made will shorten the running time of this train between St. Louis and Fort Worth fully four hours.

As is well known the track between Fort Smith and Monett, where the Meteor is diverted from the main line, is considered practically a standard track. During the past two years the company has done a great deal of work on the track between Fort Smith and Paris in the way of lowering grades putting down heavier steel, eliminating curves and spreading ballast with a view of making that part of the track first class, and as this improvement work is practically completed, it is believed that the Meteor will soon be placed on this division. The adoption of oil as fuel on some of the passenger engines and the sending of two of the largest and fastest engines to this division recently, gives color to the rumors heard in railroad circles.

M. E. Church.

The services held at this church on Sunday were unusually interesting and exhibited a strong current of vital power. Beginning the day with one hundred and fifty in attendance at Sunday School. Then an elegant congregation of interested people met to listen to the pastor preach on "The Character of Jesus." This service was enlivened by the presence and spirit of quite a number of the new converts. At this service nine persons united with the church.

At 4 p. m. the general class meeting was held and was certainly a great benefit to the people. This service is growing more popular every day. It is general in its character and is attended by Christian people from other churches as well as our own. That of itself adds interest to the service. This class meeting is always good.

The evening services were, first, a good lively Epworth League led by Mrs. J. T. Wilkerson. The young people are always sure of a wide-awake and helpful meeting when they get Sister Wilkerson to lead.

The evening service proper began with some excellent music by the chorus, after which Rev. Coats enlivened the meeting by giving a vivid, a varied as well as startling description of the terrible earthquake in California. This was followed with revival services. There was one conversion and this good day closed.

W. F. Landrum visited in Aurora Tuesday.

Mrs. Jas. Judkins, of St. Louis, is visiting in the city.

Mrs. F. A. Rice and daughter Louise are visiting friends in Joplin.

Miss Ethel Davis, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. B. Tanler, will return home tomorrow.

Frank Gleason, of Fayetteville, Ark., was in Monett on business Monday.

Announcements are out of the marriage of Homer W. Pratt and Miss Julia A. Boehm on Wednesday January 27.

Alfred Forsythe and Byron Short of Peirce City, visited in Monett Sunday.

Ora Hudson spent Sunday with his parents at Peirce City.

Howard Smithmier has recently undergone the third operation for appendicitis. He is expected home Saturday.

Mrs. Everett Carter has returned from a weeks visit to Aurora.

FREE DELIVERY

FOR MONETT.

It Is Hoped to Have Free Delivery in Operation Within Six Months

There is no doubt but that the receipts of the post office for the fiscal year ending March 31, will exceed \$10,000 which will entitle Monett to free delivery within her corporate limits.

The reports will be submitted to the department April 1, but the government officials will require until July 1, to make their report. It will then take some little time to get the free delivery in operation. Unless a lot of preliminary work is done before hand there may be some delay.

The post master expects to begin at once securing the necessary data and names.

To this end he is preparing to send residents of Monett, as far as he possibly can, printed question slips and it is hoped that all who receive them will fill them out properly and return same to the post-office at the earliest possible moment.

The information desired is the name of the head of the family, the full name of the wife, the names of all children receiving mail, servants names and the name of the roomers, if any. He also wants the name of the street and the number of the house. The business or occupation is also desired, so as to distinguish between persons of same name and initials.

With the assistance of all residents of Monett the postmaster will be able to get the form in such shape that there need not be but little delay after July 1 in getting the free delivery papers in proper shape. Let us all cooperate in this matter.

Birthday Party.

Breese Pettefer entertained his friends last Saturday evening, the occasion being his 12th birthday anniversary. The evening was spent in games and the young people all had a good time.

Miss Isabelle Breese presided at the punch bowl and Mrs. Pettefer was assisted in entertaining the young people by Mrs. Isaac and Mrs. Shaffer.

When the refreshments were served the young people were lined up in couples and marched to the dining room, to the strains of a march, where plates of ice cream and cake were awaiting them, then back to the parlors to partake of the dainties.

Breese received many handsome and useful presents and will long remember his 12th birthday.

Those present were Misses Edith Gulick, Jasmine Andrews, Della Mansfield, Ruth Cole, Myrtle Basham, Rose Todd, Geraldine Christopher, Euva Salzer, Alice Pinnell, Hazel Parsons, Ruth Hall, Ruby Cooper, Otis Myer, Elizabeth Harrison, Ruth Watson, Prudence Pettefer, Messrs. Chester Parker, Dan Barnasley, Wesley Bradford, Jesse Kring, Earl Lauderdale, Russell Cele, Ruby Hoover, Rollin Bingham, Lawrence Frear, Donovan Montgomery, Willie Watson, Raymond Kingery, Roy Counts, Arthur Spurgeon, Press Hopkins, Hardy Kemp, Russell Hobbs, Elmer Dennis, Lee Saxe, Rush Harris, John T. Westbay, Wilfred Myer, Jim Fitzjohn, Grover Garrison, Breese and Robert Pettefer, Miss Isabelle Breese, Mrs. Shaffer, Mrs. Isaacs and Mrs. Breese.

Mrs. Geo. Wilhoit visited friends at Peirce City Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Osborn, who had lived in Monett the past few months, have moved back to Neosho.

Miss Hattie Stevens, who attends school at Marionville, spent Sunday with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. F. Stevens.